

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3824, amended, Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005; H.R. 1129, amended, Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 2383, To redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C. W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant;" H.R. 2875, amended, Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005; H.R. 3351, amended, Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2005; and S. 1339, Junior Duck Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2005.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

PREDICTING HURRICANES: WHAT WE KNEW ABOUT KATRINA AND WHEN

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Held a hearing entitled "Predicting Hurricanes: What We Knew About Katrina and When." Testimony was heard from the following officials of National Weather Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce: BG David L. Johnson, USAF (Ret.), Director, and Max Mayfield, Director, National Hurricane Center.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 939)

H.R. 3169, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell Grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-66)

H.R. 3668, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Federal student grant assistance who are adversely affected by a major disaster. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-67)

H.R. 3672, to provide assistance to families affected by Hurricane Katrina, through the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-68)

S. 252, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-69)

S. 264, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-70)

S. 276, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota. Signed on September 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-71)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: S. 260 and H.R. 2018, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 26 through October 1, 2005

Senate Chamber

On Monday, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of the nomination of Mr. Roberts (listed above), with a vote expected to occur on confirmation of the nomination. Also, Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including any appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 26, Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting to markup H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: September 27, to hold hearings to examine needed improvements to defense acquisition processes and organizations, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 28, to hold hearings to examine S. 1334, to provide for integrity and accountability in professional sports, and S. 1114, to establish minimum drug testing standards for major professional sports leagues, 10 a.m., SH-216.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine communications for first responders in disaster, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 27, to hold hearings to examine S.1701, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines, and S. 961, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize and reform the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, 10 a.m., SD-366.

September 28, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

September 28, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold oversight hearings to examine the grazing